(c) what is the present strength of the English Primary School at Thekkumbhagam;

(d) for how long is that school in existence;

(e) when was the St. Francis' School referred to above, started;

(f) is there any proposal to convert the English School, Thekkumbhagam into a Vernacular School?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Half a mile.

(c) Eighty

(d) More than 23 years.

(e) Started on 1st Makaram 1086.

(f) Yes. It will be considered when passing orders on the Educational Survey.

Elementary Educational Committee.

666. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the Elementary Education Committee appointed by the D. P. No. 139, published at page 750 of the Gazette, dated 25th Dhanu 1107:

(a) what are the educational qualifications of the members except the Chairman;

(b) what are the educational activities in which these members have hitherto figured;

(c) how many of these members are Government servants and how many pensioners; what is the amount of pay or pension drawn by each;

(d) whether the Government tried to get the services of distinguished educationists to serve on this committee;

(e) whether the Chairman had been consulted before his appointment as Chairman;

(f) whether at the time of consultation the Chairman had been informed of the names of the other members of the committee?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) All the five members possess sound scholarship in Malayalam and some of them had been Malayalam and Sanskrit Pandits in schools.

Mr. K P. Karuppan has passed the Sanskrit and Malayalam Pandits' Examination and holds Upper Secondary department license. Mr. K. Narayana Menon has passed Middle School and the State Malayalam Pandits' Examination. Mr. Sankara Kurup has passed Travancore Higher Examination, State Malayalam Pandits' Examination and Vidwan Examination in first class.

Mr. P. Narayanan Nayar was a teacher in the Nemmara Proverthy Patasala, became the Headmaster of the Aided Girls'

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Primary School, Nemmara, was the Malayalam Pandit in the aided and Sirkar High Schools at Nemmara and had served as the senior Malayalam Pandit in the Christian College, Madras. His scholarship in Sanskrit, Malayalam and Tamil literature has been testified to by eminent Pandits and also by Dr. Skinner of the Christian College.

Mr. Raghavan Nayar has read up to the Matriculation standard. He is a trained and certified teacher. He has 12 years' service as a teacher of which 6 years was as the Head-master of Primary schools. He was the joint editor of the only poetic journal in the Vernacular *viz.*, "The Kavana Koumudi". He was the editor of several Malayalam papers in Cochin and at present the editor of the only Vernacular daily paper in the State.

All the above are the authors of several Malayalam publications.

(b) Some members have almost a life long association with Primary Education. Others have been connected with education for many years and most of them are authors of text-books for children.

(c) Two are Government servants—one draws Rs. 75 and the other Rs. 35 in Rs. 25—50 grade. One is a pensioner and draws a pension of Rs. 16-15-7.

(d) The services of distinguished educationists have been secured to serve on the committee.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Engagement of a lawyer to defend Police Inspector.

667. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether Mr. Paul Mampilli did not interpellate Government about the appointment of a professional lawyer by the Government to defend Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar in the complaint filed by the Christians in connection with the rioting in Kumbalangi?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Interview with the Diwan in connection with certain allegations against a Doctor.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether Messrs. C. L. George and A. R. Menon had an interview with the Diwan in connection with certain allegations against Dr. Antony and a Nayar Lady Doctor while both of them were employed in the Trichur Hospital?

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